Idaho State Bar Environment and Natural Resources Section

Meeting Minutes September 25, 2019

- 1. <u>May Meeting Minutes.</u> The members in attendance voted to approve the draft May meeting minutes.
- 2. Welcome back and overview for coming year. Rick Grisel gave an overview of the possible schedule for section meetings for the upcoming year. There is potential that the November and December meetings may be combined and the section is exploring another partnership CLE with the Idaho Environmental Forum for that combined meeting.

Additionally, Rick reported that he was in the process of planning the annual CLE for January. One possibility is to partner with the Water Law Section for a full day CLE. Rick asked for feedback and ideas. Several members mentioned their support of the idea, in particular having a half day be a CLE from our section and a half day be a CLE from the water law section.

Rick also brought up for discussion a question from the Idaho State Bar about whether our section wanted to change its dues. Some discussed that the dues appeared to be appropriate for now.

- 3. <u>Treasurer's Report.</u> Kristina Fugate reported on the section financials through June 2019.
- 4. <u>Spend-down committee update.</u> Murray Feldman reported that given the ongoing work of our intern, the section's spenddown was in progress and we should end the year with an appropriate balance.
- 5. The Advocate issue sponsorship (tentative March/April 2021). Rick Grisel brought up that the Section was tentatively slated for sponsoring the Advocate in March/April of 2021. No members in attendance had any objections to the Section's sponsorship or those dates. No action was taken.
- 6. Announcements. Marie Kellner announced that on October 21, 2019, the Idaho Environmental Forum would host a discussion with the new Executive Directors of the Idaho Conservation League, Idaho Rivers United, and the Nature Conservancy at the Hoff Building in Boise—registration will open soon. Deborah Ferguson announced a one night only screening at 7pm on October 1, 2019, of *Dammed to Extinction*, a documentary about the four lower Snake River dams. Kristina Fugate announced that next month's Section CLE would be presented by Section member Bryan Hurlbutt on Wilderness in Idaho, including his 2018 monthly marathons he ran in every Idaho wilderness area.
- 7. <u>CLE.</u> Steve Hubble, City of Boise Project Manager and Abbey Germaine, City of Boise, City Attorney's Office, presented a half hour CLE titled "Overview of Boise's Energy Future."